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EXPANDABLE INTRALUMINAL MEDICAL DEVICES

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STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Sir:

A final Office Action was issued regarding the above-referenced patent application on November 12, 2009. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all claims based on a combination of two references: Gillick (U.S. Patent No. 6,383,206) and Keegan (U.S. Patent No. 7,144,408).

During a telephone interview conducted on January 11, 2010 between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney, the Examiner conceded that all rejections based on Keegan were improper and agreed to withdraw all rejections based on this reference. Furthermore, in the subsequent Interview Summary issued on January 14, 2010, the Examiner indicated that she would withdraw all

rejections based on this reference and that no action was currently required by Applicants.

As all outstanding rejections are based on Keegan, Applicants believe that either a Notice of Allowability or an additional Office Action is forthcoming.

At present, however, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system does not reflect any updates with regard to either of these actions. Indeed, as of the filing of this Status Inquiry, PAIR still reflects the November 12, 2009 Final Office Action as the current status of the application (Status - "Final Rejection Mailed;" Status date: 2009-11-12; PAIR checked on 2010-06-30).

The undersigned attorney filed a Status Inquiry on March 31, 2010, requesting that the Examiner promptly provide an indication of the current status of this application. Thus far, however, the Examiner has not issued a response to this Inquiry.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner provide an immediate indication of the current status of this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Status Inquiry, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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